

FACTSHEET

TASK 1:

Tick the MOST SHOCKING fact from each of the two categories:

Textile waste facts

- 1. 85% of Textiles don't get recycled
- 2. £140 million worth of wearable clothing goes to landfill every year.
- 3. Around 30% of clothing in wardrobes has not been worn for at least a year.
- 4. Synthetic fabrics take over 200 years to decompose.

Plastic bag waste facts

- 1. The world only recycles 5% of the plastic bags it produces.
- 2. Un-recycled plastic bags are sent to landfill sites where they don't break down.
- 3. 93% of US citizens test positive for bisphenol A (BPA) – a chemical toxin found in plastic items such as bags, utensils and water bottles.
- 4. BPA can leach out of plastic bags, contaminate our water supplies, and pose a serious health hazard to all life on Earth.

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DISCUSS

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Task 2:

Discuss with your group your most shocking facts from the previous task.

Did you choose the same facts?

Yes / No

Discuss the reasons for your choices.

Task 3:

As a class, decide if you will be making Plastic letters, textile letters or both.

- Plastic
- Textile
- Both

Task 4:

How many people are in your class/group? _____

Task 5:

You will probably only have time in class to make one fabric letter, or two plastic letters. **Count** how many letters are needed for each fact.

Which facts would be best for you to make as a group?

Textile fact: 1 2 3 4

Plastic fact: 1 2 3 4 (circle your answer)

Or, maybe you want to write something else on your bunting?

Task 6. Decide as a group what your bunting will say.

Vote if you can't agree!